

SEC. 5. That said company is hereby authorized and empowered to merge and consolidate its capital stock, estate, real, personal and mixed, franchises, rights, privileges and property with those of any other railroad company or companies chartered by and organized under the laws of this state, whenever a majority of the stockholders of this company shall so desire, when the two or more railroads so to be merged and consolidated shall and may form a continuous line of railroad with each other by means of intervening road or roads, and said consolidation may be effected by its directors in such manner and on such terms and conditions and under such name and style as a majority of the stockholders may determine or approve.

Authorized to merge, &c., with other company.

SEC. 6. That it shall and may be lawful for any railroad or transportation company created by the laws of this or any other state, from time to time to subscribe to or purchase or to hold the stock and bonds or either of this company, or to guarantee or endorse such bonds or stock or either of them; and it shall and may be lawful for any railroad or transportation company or companies created by the laws of this or any other state to purchase, use or lease the road, property and franchises of this company for such time and upon such terms as may be agreed upon between this company and such other companies or company as shall be parties to the contract; that it shall be lawful for this company to subscribe to or purchase and to hold the stock or bonds or both of any other railroad or transportation company chartered by this or any other state, or to guarantee the stock or bonds of any such company, or to purchase, lease or operate the road or line, property or franchises of any such railroad or transportation company: *Provided*, that the road or line of such company shall be directly or by means of one or more intervening roads or lines connected with the road of this company.

Other railroad company authorized to subscribe to stock, &c., or to purchase, &c., road.

Authorized to subscribe to stock, &c., or to purchase, &c., other road.

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